

2010 Summer Reading Program

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Downloadable Audio Books Available

Aardema, Verna. *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale*. 32 p. Pre, Pri. A rhyming African folktale about the year Kapiti Plain suffered a terrible drought until a herdsman found a way to bring the rain. NLS downloadable audio #DB 32631.

Bauer, Marion Dane. *Clouds*. 32 p. Pri, Int. Describes stratus, cumulus, and cirrus clouds and provides some unusual facts about them. NLS downloadable audio #DB 62762.

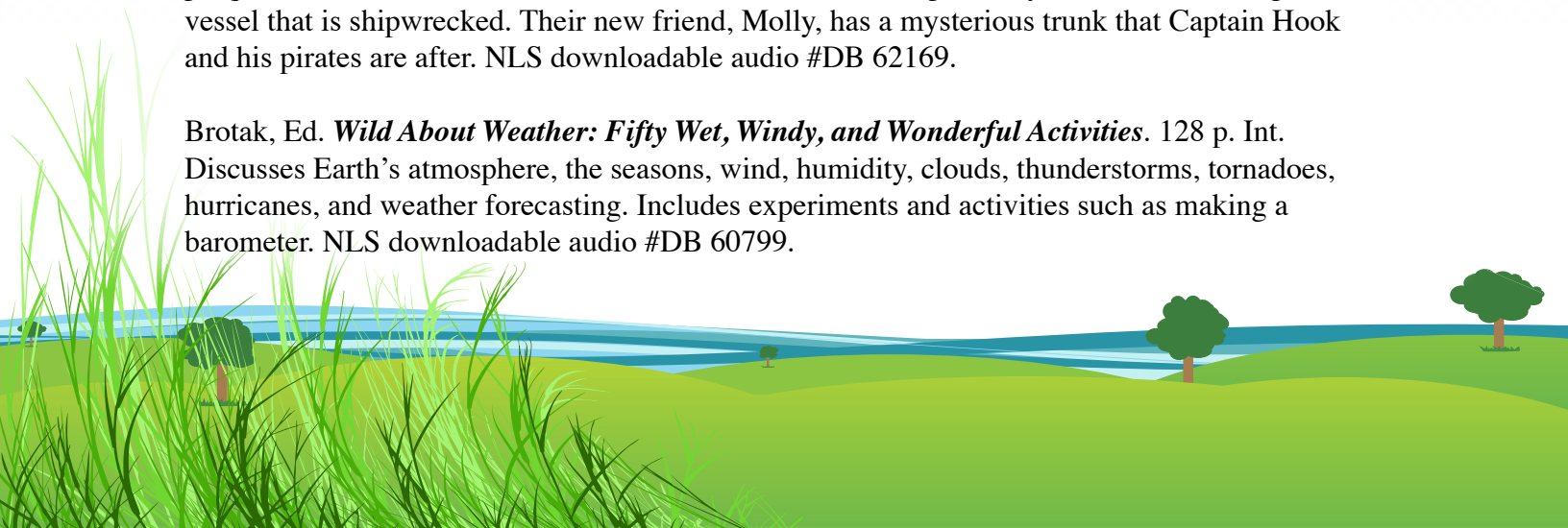
Beaton, M.C. *Agatha Raisin and the Wellspring of Death*. 256 p. Adult. While acting as the public relations person for a mineral water company hoping to use water from a spring in a nearby village, Agatha finds the village council chairman murdered. NLS downloadable audio #DB 60224.

Berger, Melvin. *Can It Rain Cats and Dogs? Questions and Answers about Weather*. 48 p. Pri, Int. Answering children's questions about weather, the book addresses sun, wind, rain, snow, hail, thunder, hurricanes and tornadoes. NLS downloadable audio #DB 59637.

Berger, Melvin. *What Makes an Ocean Wave? Questions and Answers About Oceans and Ocean Life*. 48 p. Pre, Pri, Int. Provides information about various aspects of the world's oceans- waves, tides, the food chain, marine creatures, coastlines, and more. NLS downloadable audio #DB 55174.

Berry, Dave and Ridley Pearson. *Peter and the Starcatchers*.. 451 p. Int. In Berry and Pearson's prequel to J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan", Peter and four other orphan boys are aboard an English vessel that is shipwrecked. Their new friend, Molly, has a mysterious trunk that Captain Hook and his pirates are after. NLS downloadable audio #DB 62169.

Brotak, Ed. *Wild About Weather: Fifty Wet, Windy, and Wonderful Activities*. 128 p. Int. Discusses Earth's atmosphere, the seasons, wind, humidity, clouds, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and weather forecasting. Includes experiments and activities such as making a barometer. NLS downloadable audio #DB 60799.



Bruchac, James. *The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales*. 96 p. Int. Two dozen traditional tales from across North America recount the adventures of mighty chiefs, brave hunters, and clever animals. NLS downloadable audio #DB 68851.

Burningham, John. *Mr. Gumpy's Outing*. 32 p. Pre. Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs. NLS downloadable audio #DB 63330.

Calhoun, Mary. *Henry the Sailor Cat*. (unpaged.) Pri, Int. Henry's people are surprised to find that their cat has stowed away on their sailboat, but he proves his worth as a sailor during a sudden storm. NLS downloadable audio #DB 41079.

Cooney, Caroline. *Diamonds in the Shadow*. Gr. 6-9. A teen's suspicions are aroused by the odd behavior of four members of a church-sponsored refugee family from Sierra Leone with whom he unexpectedly has to share his home. NLS downloadable audio #DB 68439.

Cummings, Priscilla. *Red Kayak*. 209 p. Gr. 5-9. Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, 13-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy that tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong. NLS downloadable audio #DB 62764.

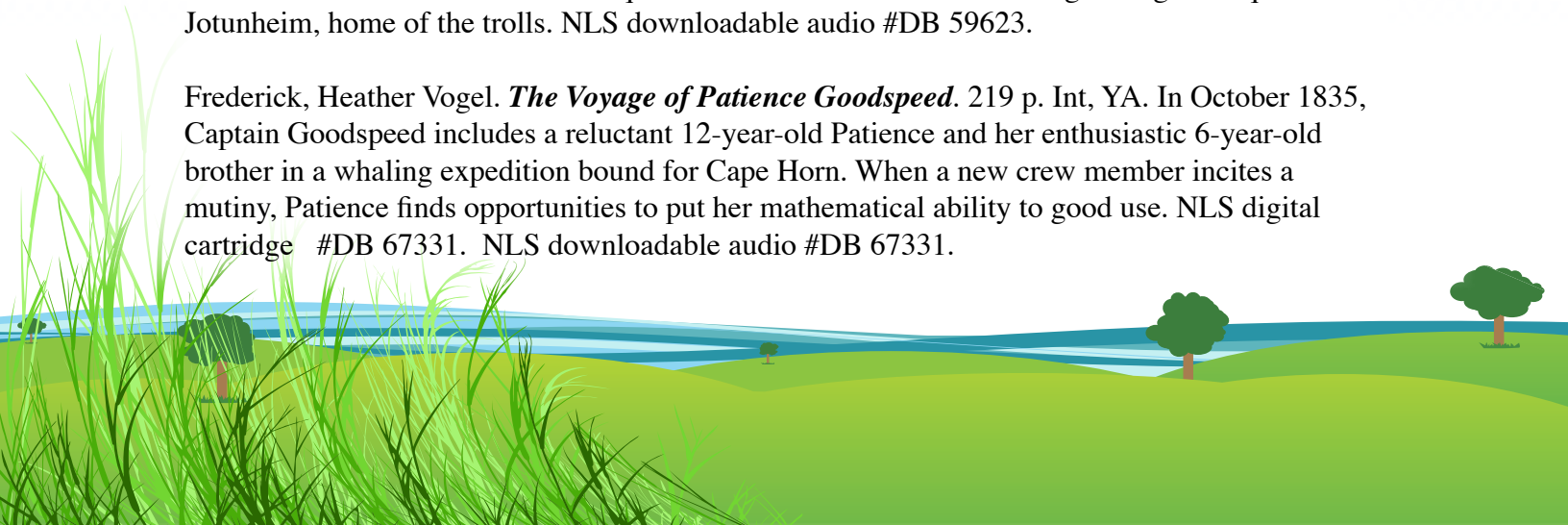
Cussler, Clive. *Blue Gold: A Kurt Austin Adventure*. 403 p. Adult. An investigation into the sudden deaths of rare whales sends National Underwater Marine Agency crew leader Kurt Austin to the Mexican coast where he and his crew stumble upon a white goddess legend and an eco-extortionist set on controlling the world's fresh-water supply. NLS downloadable audio #DB 50937.

Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*. 352 p. Int, YA. As sole survivor of a shipwreck, an Englishman lives for nearly thirty years on a deserted island. NLS downloadable audio #DB 27138.

Fama, Elizabeth. *Overboard*. 160 p. Gr. 5-9. Escaping from a sinking ferry in the waters off Sumatra, 14-year-old Emily fights for her survival, as well as the survival of young Indonesian boy who draws courage from his quiet but firm Islamic faith. NLS downloadable audio #DB 57126.

Farmer, Nancy. *Sea of Trolls*. 480 p. Gr. 5-9. After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen. This leads to Jack undertaking a dangerous quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls. NLS downloadable audio #DB 59623.

Frederick, Heather Vogel. *The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed*. 219 p. Int, YA. In October 1835, Captain Goodspeed includes a reluctant 12-year-old Patience and her enthusiastic 6-year-old brother in a whaling expedition bound for Cape Horn. When a new crew member incites a mutiny, Patience finds opportunities to put her mathematical ability to good use. NLS digital cartridge #DB 67331. NLS downloadable audio #DB 67331.



Gallo, Donald R., editor. ***First Crossing: Stories About Teen Immigrants***. Gr. 6-9. Ten authors, such as Pam Munoz Ryan and Lensey Namioka, offer stories about the hardships of students from Mexico, Venezuela, Kazakhstan, China, Romania, Sweden, Korea, Haiti, Cambodia, and the Gaza Strip. NLS downloadable audio #DB 60806.

Gordon, Sherri Mabry. ***Downloading Copyrighted Stuff from the Internet: Stealing or Fair Use?***. 104p. Gr. 7+. Presents an introduction to peer-to-peer file sharing, a technology that allows people to share Internet files and information, such as music, movies, and software. Explores the debate over whether the downloading of copyrighted materials is legal or ethical. NLS downloadable audio #DB 62735.

Gore, All. ***An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming***. 191 p. Gr. 4-7. In this young readers' version, Gore documents steeply rising carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere, and links that to accelerating changes in temperature and precipitation patterns worldwide. NLS downloadable audio #DB 64771.

Hale, Marian. ***Dark Water Rising***. 233 p. Gr. 6+. While salvaging and rebuilding in the aftermath of the Galveston flood of 1900, 16-year-old Seth proves himself in a way that his previous efforts never could, but he still must face his father man-to-man. NLS downloadable audio #DB 64843.

Hamilton, Laird. ***Force of Nature: Mind, Body, Soul, and, of Course, Surfing***. 242 p. YA, Adult. Surfer, Laird Hamilton, outlines strategies and philosophies that have contributed to his successful career. NLS digital cartridge #DB 68228. NLS downloadable audio #DB 68228.

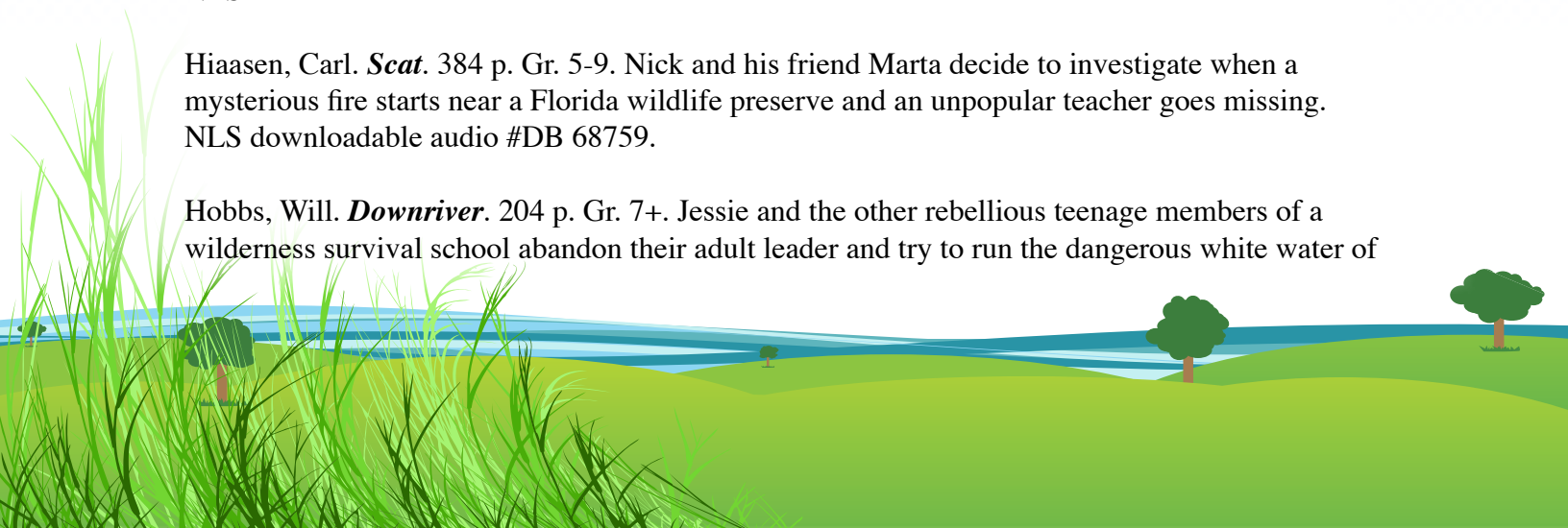
Hautman, Pete. ***Godless***. 198 p. Gr. 7+. When 16-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a life of its own. NLS downloadable audio #DB 59496.

Hesse, Karen. ***Stowaway***. 319 p. Int, YA. In 1768, 11-year-old Nicholas Young stows away on Captain James Cook's ship "Endeavour". He keeps a journal of the three years he spends aboard, recording their adventures and hardships, Cook's exploration of the South Seas, and naturalist Joseph Banks's scientific discoveries. NLS downloadable audio #DB 52260.

Hiaasen, Carl. ***Flush***. 263 p. Gr. 5-9. With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, it's up to Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, to gather evidence that the owner of a floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home. NLS audio download #DB 60792.

Hiaasen, Carl. ***Scat***. 384 p. Gr. 5-9. Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing. NLS downloadable audio #DB 68759.

Hobbs, Will. ***Downriver***. 204 p. Gr. 7+. Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school abandon their adult leader and try to run the dangerous white water of



the Grand Canyon. NLS downloadable audio #DB 36801.

Hobbs, Will. *Leaving Protection*. 192 p. Gr. 6-12. Sixteen-year-old Robbie Daniels, happy to get a job aboard a trawler fishing for king salmon off southeastern Alaska, finds himself in danger when he discovers that his mysterious captain is searching for long-buried Russian plaques that lay claim to Alaska and the Northwest. NLS downloadable audio #DB 58314.

Junger, Sebastian. *The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea*. 272 p. YA, Adult. A book taut with the fury of the elements that depicts the courage, terror, and awe that the men of the fishing vessel “Andrea Gail” faced as they were caught in the grip of an unbelievably powerful storm NLS downloadable audio #DB 44751.

Koss, Amy Goldman. *Kailey* 160 p. Pri, Int. Ten-year-old Kailey launches an art protest to keep a developer from spoiling her cove and its tide pools. NLS downloadable audio #DB 61878.

Lawrence, Iain. *Buccaneers*. 244 p. Int, YA. In the eighteenth century, 16-year-old John Spencer sails from England to the Caribbean in his schooner, the Dragon, where he and the crew encounter pirates, fierce storms, fever, and a strange man who some fear may be cursed. NLS downloadable audio #DB 53534.

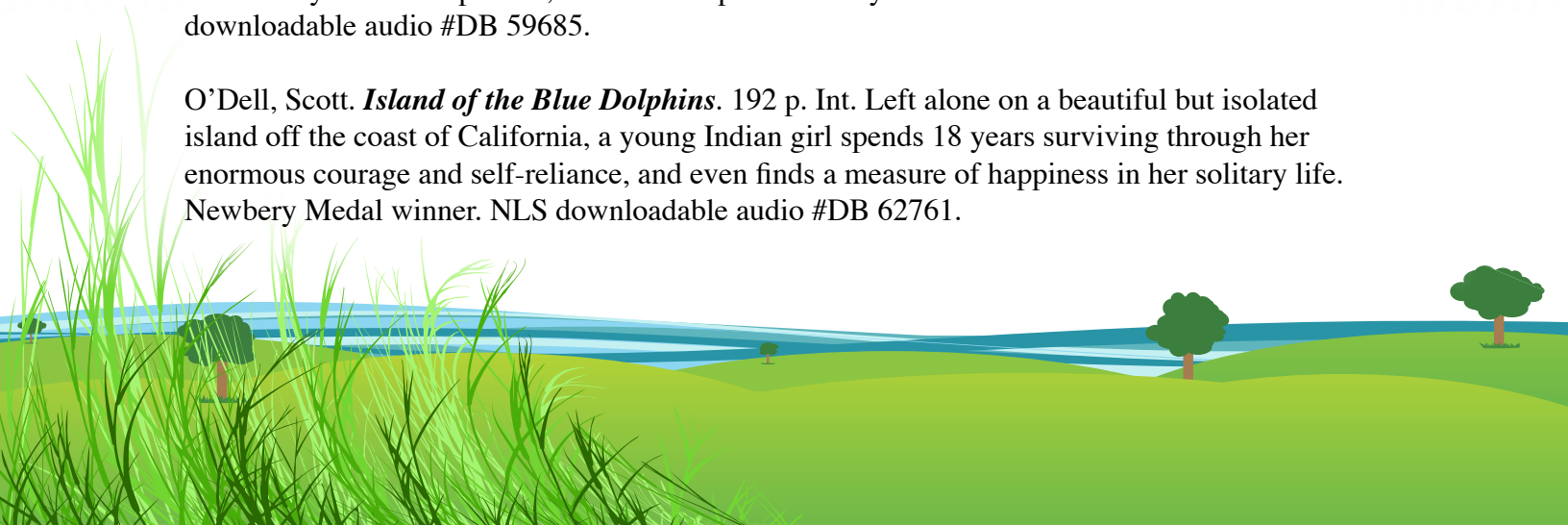
Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy*. 32 p. Pre, Pri. A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies. NLS downloadable audio in Frederick’s Fables #DB 24444.

McKernan, Victoria. *Shackleton’s Stowaway*. 317 p. Int, YA. A fictionalized account of the adventures of 18-year-old Perce Blackborow, who stowed away on the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition. After the ship, Endurance, is crushed by ice, he survives many hardships including extreme hunger and frostbite during the nearly two-year return journey across ice and sea. NLS downloadable audio #DB 61101.

Meltzer, Milton. *Piracy and Plunder: A Murderous Business*. 86 p. Int, YA. A history of piracy from ancient times to the modern age: why pirates became thieves and killers; the lives they led on land and sea; their fates; and their victims. Includes, among others, Blackbeard and Sir Henry Morgan. NLS downloadable audio #DB 55911.

Murphy, Jim. *The Journal of Brian Doyle: A Greenhorn on an Alaskan Whaling* 188 p. Int. In 1874, Brian runs away from home in San Francisco to join the crew of a whaling ship. He is troubled by hostile shipmates, while the ship is tossed by storms and stranded in the Arctic. NLS downloadable audio #DB 59685.

O’Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. 192 p. Int. Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends 18 years surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, and even finds a measure of happiness in her solitary life. Newbery Medal winner. NLS downloadable audio #DB 62761.



Olmstead, Kathleen. *Jacques Cousteau: A Life Under the Sea*. 128 p. Gr. 6-9. The life and undersea world of pioneering oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. NLS downloadable audio #DB 69144.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Dark Day in the Deep Sea* (Pri, Int. When Jack and Annie join a group of 19th-century explorers aboard the H.M.S. Challenger, they learn about the ocean, solve the mystery of its fabled sea monster, and gain compassion for their fellow creatures. NLS downloadable audio #DB 66533.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Pirates Past Noon* 67 p. Pri, Int. Annie and her brother Jack are transported to the days of deserted islands, secret maps, hidden treasure, and nasty pirates. NLS downloadable audio #DB 52357.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Summer of the Sea Serpent* 128 p. Pri, Int. Jack and Annie travel in their magic tree house to the land of the mystical selkies to seek a magical sword for Merlin. NLS downloadable audio #DB 58226.

Petrucha, Stefan. *Teen, Inc.* 224 p. Gr. 7-11. Fourteen-year-old Jaiden has been raised by NECorp. since his parents were killed when he was a baby. When he discovers that the corporation has been lying about producing illegal levels of mercury emissions in area streams, he and his two friends decide to try to do something about it. NLS downloadable audio #DB 66473.

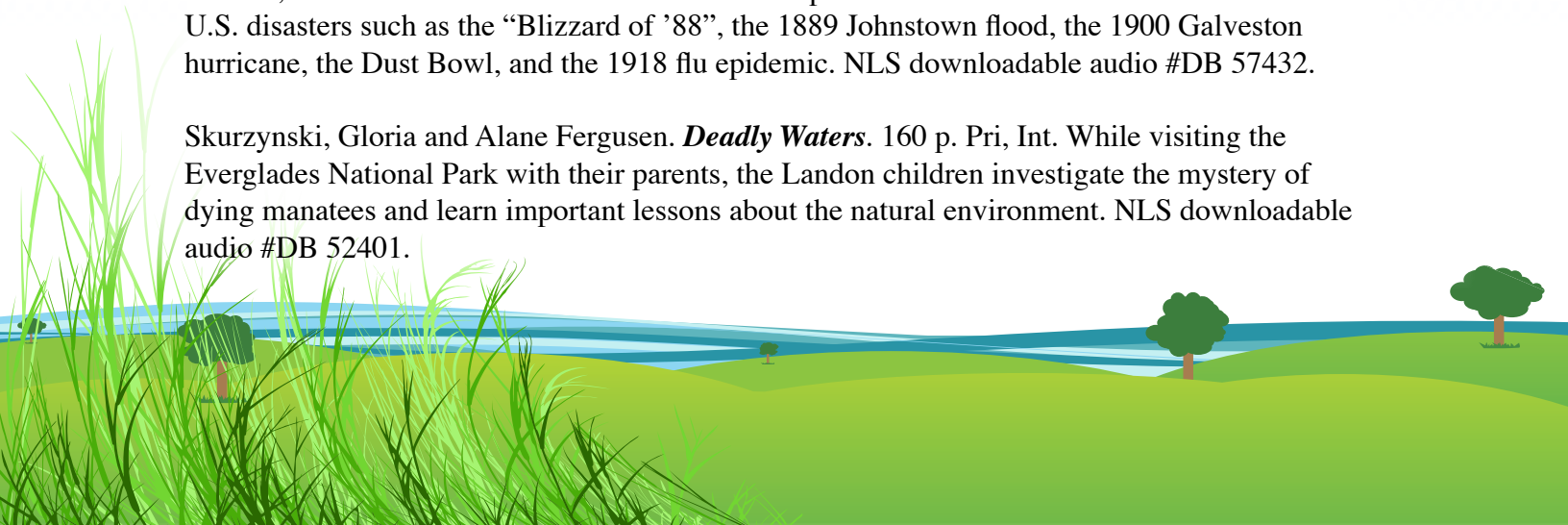
Pratchett, Terry. *Nation*. 367 p. Int, YA. After a devastating tsunami, Mau, the sole survivor of his island village, joins forces with Daphne, a shipwrecked Victorian English girl. Their beach fire draws other refugees who band together to rebuild a community based on what they value most. NLS digital cartridge #DB 67846. NLS downloadable audio #DB 67846.

Rey, H.A. *Curious George Rides a Bike*. 38 p. Pre, Pri. George the monkey goes riding on his new bicycle and runs into unexpected adventure. NLS downloadable audio in The Complete Adventures of Curious George #DB 47946.

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*. 384 p. Int, YA. About to be kicked out of boarding school once again, Percy is sent to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, where he learns that his father is Poseidon, God of the Sea, and where he embarks upon a quest to reach the gates of the Underworld and prevent a catastrophic war between the gods. First in a series. NLS downloadable audio #DB 63443.

Sandler, Martin W. *America's Great Disasters*. 95 p. Int. Examines causes and effects of historic U.S. disasters such as the "Blizzard of '88", the 1889 Johnstown flood, the 1900 Galveston hurricane, the Dust Bowl, and the 1918 flu epidemic. NLS downloadable audio #DB 57432.

Skurzynski, Gloria and Alane Fergusen. *Deadly Waters*. 160 p. Pri, Int. While visiting the Everglades National Park with their parents, the Landon children investigate the mystery of dying manatees and learn important lessons about the natural environment. NLS downloadable audio #DB 52401.



Smolenyak, Megan. *Trace Your Roots With DNA: Using Genetic Tests to Explore Your Family Tree*. 256 p. Adult. The lead researcher for PBS's "Ancestors" describes the methods, benefits, and drawbacks of DNA testing, which uses genetic markers on the Y chromosome, passed on by fathers, or mitochondrial DNA, passed on by mothers, to verify or disprove NLS downloadable audio #DB 65364.

Sperry, Armstrong. *Call It Courage*. 166 p. A Polynesian boy who fears the ocean must redeem the respect of his people by undertaking a lonely and dangerous journey to a sacred island. Newbery Award. NLS downloadable audio #DB 22825.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Stargirl*. 208 p. Gr. 6-10. In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. NLS downloadable audio #DB 54207.

Steig, William. *Abel's Island*. 128 p. Int. Accustomed to a life of leisure, gentlemanly Abel must be resourceful to survive after he finds himself stranded on a remote island. Newbery Honor Book. NLS downloadable audio #DB 10693 or #DB 62253.

Torrey, Michele. *To the Edge of the World*. 233 p. Int, YA. In 1519, after the death of his parents, 14-year-old Mateo Macias becomes cabin boy to Ferdinand Magellan on a dangerous journey in search of a route to the fabled Spice Islands. NLS downloadable audio #DB 57141.

